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For	:	MACHINE AND PROCESS FOR P	RODUCING A TISSUE WEB

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the specification, claims and abstract as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 55 (second occurrence) on page 29, lines 10 and 11 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please enter the following new claim for consideration by the Examiner:

---70. The process of claim 54, wherein the blowing elment is positioned inside a loop of the outer belt in the area of the separation point.---

## **REMARKS**

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the foregoing amendment prior to examination of the above-identified patent application.

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Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below listed number.

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